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SUBJECT: CANADIAN REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET FON MIN GROMYKO

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. DURING NOVEMBER 23 DPC MEETING, CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES CIRCULATED REPORT ON CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN FONMIN SHARP AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO DURING LATTER'S NOVEMBER 19 VISIT TO OTTAWA.

2. CONVERSATIONS FOCUSSED ON MIDDLE EAST. CROMYKO WAS CRITICAL OF APPARENT U.S. ASSESSMENT OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, AND SAID THAT SOVIET POSITION WAS FIRST THAT ISRAELIS SHOULD WITHDRAW TO OCT 22 CEASEFIRE LINE, THEN THERE SHOULD BE DISCUSSIONS OF A LONG-TERM SETTLEMENT. SOVIETS DO NOT BELIEVE ISRAELI CLAIMS THAT THEY ARE MERELY LOOKING FOR SECURE BOUNDARIES. ARABS ARE RECONCILED TO ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST, AND ISRAEL'S "REAL BORDERS" SHOULD EVENTUALLY

BE GUARANTEED COLLECTIVELY BY THE GREAT POWERS, THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, OR A COMBINATION OF THE TWO. SHARP CONTESTED SOME OF GROMYKO'S POINTS, BUT SHARED SOVIET VIEW THAT THE PALESTINIANS CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT A PEACE CONFERENCE.

3. CONVERSATIONS ALSO COVERED MBFR, CANADIAN/SOVIET PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATIONS, JEWISH EMIGRATION AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION, AND TRADE.

4. COMMENT: CANADIAN REPORT MAY BE CITED BY ALLIES TO REQUEST
SIMILAR REPORTS ON U.S. DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS ON MIDDLE EAST
SETTLEMENT, FOLLOWING UP ASST SEC SISCO'S NOV 14 VISIT. TEXT
OF CANADIAN REPORT POUCHED OTTAWA, WASHINGTON AND VIENNA FOR
MBFR DEL. DEPT PLEASE REPEAT ABOVE TO INTERESTED NON-NATO POSTS.
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